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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Patent Application of Rodney William VANSTONE et al. Group Art Unit: 2834 Application No.: 10/071,077 Examiner: Unassigned Filed: February 11, 2002 Confirmation No.: 1533 For: ROTOR AND METHOD FOR WELDING AN ELEMENT OF A

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Enclosed is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

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	Commissioner for Patents on, D.C. 20231 osed is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent on. A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
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[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
[X]	Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement .
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.
[]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted, on, for which continued examination is requested.
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
[]	No additional claim fee is required.

[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS							
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE		
Total Claims	30	MINUS 26 =	4	× \$18.00 (103) =	72.00		
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00		
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)							
Total Amendment Fee							
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee							
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$72.00		

[X]	A claim fee	in the	amount of \$_	72.00	is enclosed.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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